

OPINION 2066 (Case 3202)***Podalgus* Burmeister, 1847 and *Philoscaptus* Brèthes, 1919 (Insecta, Coleoptera): current usage of the names conserved by designation of *Podalgus cuniculus* Burmeister, 1847 as the type species of *Podalgus***

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that current usage of the names *Podalgus* Burmeister, 1847 (for an abundant small rhinoceros beetle from the northern Afrotropics, Arabia and west Asia to northern India) and *Philoscaptus* Brèthes, 1919 (for a South American species) is conserved by confirming Arrow's (1908) designation of *Podalgus cuniculus* Burmeister, 1847 as type species of *Podalgus*.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Podalgus* Burmeister, 1847 prior to that by Arrow (1908) are hereby set aside and *Podalgus cuniculus* Burmeister, 1847 is confirmed as the type species of *Podalgus* Burmeister, 1847.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Podalgus* Burmeister, 1847 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Arrow (1908) *Podalgus cuniculus* Burmeister, 1847, as ruled in (1) above;
 - (b) *Philoscaptus* Brèthes, 1919 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Podalgus bonariensis* Burmeister, 1847.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *cuniculus* Burmeister, 1847, as published in the binomen *Podalgus cuniculus* (specific name of the type species of *Podalgus* Burmeister, 1847);
 - (b) *bonariensis* Burmeister, 1847, as published in the binomen *Podalgus bonariensis* (specific name of the type species of *Philoscaptus* Brèthes, 1919).

History of Case 3202

An application to conserve the current usage of *Podalgus* Burmeister, 1847 and *Philoscaptus* Brèthes, 1919 by the designation of *Podalgus cuniculus* Burmeister, 1847 as the type species of *Podalgus* was received from Frank-Thorsten Krell (*The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) on 15 March 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 93–96 (June 2002). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2003 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **59**: 94–95. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2003 the votes were as follows: 22 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, no vote was received from Eschmeyer. Böhme and Patterson were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

bonariensis, *Podalgus*, Burmeister, 1847, *Handbuch der Entomologie*, Band 5 (Besondere Entomologie. Fortsetzung. Coleoptera Lamellicornia Xylophila et Pectinicornia), p. 118.

cuniculus, *Podalgus*, Burmeister, 1847, *Handbuch der Entomologie*, Band 5 (Besondere Entomologie. Fortsetzung. Coleoptera Lamellicornia Xylophila et Pectinicornia), p. 119.

Philoscaptus Brèthes, 1919, *Physis*, **4**: 602.

Podalgus Burmeister, 1847, *Handbuch der Entomologie*, Band 5 (Besondere Entomologie. Fortsetzung. Coleoptera Lamellicornia Xylophila et Pectinicornia), p. 117.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Podalgus cuniculus* Burmeister, 1847 as the type species of the nominal genus *Podalgus* Burmeister, 1847:

Arrow, G.J. 1908. *Transactions of the Entomological Society of London*, **1908**: 341.